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Dear Friends in Christ:

I am excited to announce that I have called the Reverend Durango Jenkins to be an Associate Rector at St. Mark's. It is the right call for him and for us. During the interview and discernment process, the St. Mark's staff and Senior Warden soon coalesced around Father Durango with the clarity and enthusiasm that marks a Godly calling.

Durango has a bright energy and a probing intelligence. He brings a lifelong experience of the church and a keen desire to play a creative role in its emerging vitality. Like his predecessors in the position, he is the type of priest who gives us hope for the church now and the church of the future. To top it off, Durango grew up in the same town as Reverend Elizabeth: Greeley, Colorado. What are the odds?! Also, like Elizabeth, he went to the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he majored in English literature and graduated summa cum laude. He is a graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary, where he was awarded the Armistead Boothe Scholarship for Biblical Languages.

Durango comes to us from Brooklyn where he is just finishing a curacy, splitting his time in joint ministry between two parishes, St. Paul's Carroll Street and Christ Church Cobble Hill. There he launched a joint Sunday school program, collaborated to create a joint youth group, and established a joint monthly Theological Social designed to discuss a wide variety of theological and spiritual topics.

Initially, Durango will assume many of Father John's former duties. This will include Confirmation (beginning November 22) and Youth ministry, which is beginning a new season of reimagining. Moreover, Reverend Elizabeth, Rob Schwartz, and I are excited to welcome Durango to the *Rev'd up for Sunday* podcast.

We are also delighted to welcome Durango's husband, Keith Evenson. Keith is an aerospace engineer, who also grew up in Colorado.

Durango's first Sunday will be November 15, when he will be the preacher. I know on that day and the days to come you will enjoy welcoming Durango and Keith to St. Mark's.

Maranatha,

The Reverend Peter Walsh
Rector